

COVID-19 Food Facility Industry Guidance for Operation After June 15, 2021

COVID-19 in the Community

COVID-19 is still causing illness and hospitalizations in Sacramento County. Variants of COVID-19 continue to pose a significant risk.

Vaccinations, sanitation measures and face coverings have helped reduce the spread of COVID-19, but businesses and customers need to remain vigilant.

Face Coverings – effective March 1, 2022

Masks **are strongly recommended for all persons, regardless of vaccine status**, in many indoor settings.

Masks are still **required for everyone (vaccinated and unvaccinated)** in the following indoor settings:

- Public transportation
- Indoors in K-12 schools and childcare (through March 11, 2022)
- Emergency shelters and cooling/heating centers
- Healthcare settings
- State and local correctional facilities and detention centers
- Homeless shelters
- Long Term Care Settings and Adult and Senior Care Facilities

Fully vaccinated individuals are recommended to continue indoor masking when the risk may be high.

Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with good fit are highly recommended. Refer to CDPH [Get the Most out of Masking](#) and see [CDPH Masking Guidance Frequently Asked Questions](#) for information about types of masks, the most effective masks, and ensuring a well-fitted mask.

Prevention Measures

To continue reducing the spread of COVID-19 within the community, the following prevention measures are still encouraged.

- Provide outdoor dining options
- Encourage social distancing where lines and gatherings might occur
- Consider keeping tables spaced at least 6 feet apart
- Provide hand sanitizer for public and employee use

The following prevention measures are recommended everywhere and are required in food facilities (will be checked during inspections).

- Use an approved sanitizer (quaternary ammonia, or chlorine) to wipe down surfaces throughout your facility on a routine basis.
- Be sure that all handwashing sinks are always stocked with liquid soap and paper towels.
- Encourage employees who are sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 to stay home. *Also note, Cal Code section 113949 states that employees with symptoms of gastrointestinal illness (such as vomiting and/or diarrhea) may not engage in any food handling activities.*

Guidance for Isolation and Quarantine for the General Public

Refer to California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [Guidance for Isolation and Quarantine for the General Public](#) for additional information about isolation for persons testing positive for COVID-19 and quarantine for persons who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 (unvaccinated and vaccinated).

Mega Events

Mega Events are defined as events drawing greater than 1,000 (indoors) and 10,000 (outdoors) attendees. CDPH has issued guidelines for Mega Events. For further information, please refer to [CDPH Beyond the Blueprint Guidance](#).

- ☐ Vaccination verification or negative test result is strongly recommended for **Indoor Mega Events (1,000 attendees)**.
 - If implemented, venue and event operators are strongly recommended to not use self-attestation as a mode of verification but rather use verification options for providing proof of vaccination in the [CDPH Vaccine Record Guidelines & Standards](#).
 - All businesses and venue operators should check the identification of all attendees age 18 and over to validate their vaccination record or proof of negative test.
 - Acceptable identification is any document that includes the name of the person and photograph.
- ☐ Vaccination verification or negative test result is recommended for **Outdoor Mega Events (10,000 attendees)**.
 - If implemented, venue and event operators are recommended to not use self-attestation as a mode of verification but rather use verification options for providing proof of vaccination in the [CDPH Vaccine Record Guidelines & Standards](#).
- ☐ Information will be prominently placed on all communications, including the reservation and ticketing systems, to ensure guests are aware that the State strongly recommends that they be fully vaccinated or obtain a negative COVID-19 test report prior to attending the event.
- ☐ Attendees must follow [CDPH Guidance for Face Coverings](#).
- ☐ Venues should make masks available to attendees upon request.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Regulatory Relief

The Alcohol Beverage Control Department has determined to extend the regulatory relief for craft distillers to consumers. Please refer to [ABC Ninth Notice of Regulatory Relief](#) for more information.

SB-389: Off-Sale Privileges for Certain On-Sale Licenses

Refer to the Alcohol Beverage Control Department's webpage for [frequently asked questions](#) about SB-389.

Resources

[CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#)

[Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Guidance and Resources](#)

[Sacramento County Public Health Order](#)

[ABC Ninth Notice of Regulatory Relief](#)

Questions

Thank you for your efforts in keeping Sacramento residents and visitors safe!

For business assistance information, contact the [Sacramento Business Environmental Resource Center \(BERC\)](#).

If you have questions or would like to update your contact information, please call EMD at (916) 875-8440.

Summary of Revisions

6/15/2021: Initial version

7/29/2021: Updated information regarding required indoor use of face coverings, regardless of vaccination status. Added Resources section.

9/15/21: Updated mega events.

9/29/21: Updated mega events to include masking outdoor when 50% of the walls are impermeable.

12/21/21: Added requirement for universal masking indoors statewide December 15, 2021 through January 15, 2022. Added testing requirement to shorten time from 72 hours from when test result is received before entry to venue/event. Children under 2 years of age are exempt from the testing requirement. Attendees age 18 and older must provide identification to confirm the individual presenting proof of vaccination or negative test is the attendee entering the facility or venue.

1/10/2022: Lowered threshold for Indoor Mega Event to 500 attendees and Outdoor Mega Events to 5,000 attendees. Removed effective date for requirement to show ID if over 18 for negative test. Extended effective end date for statewide public health order to mask while indoors to February 15, 2022. Added links to ABC for more information about their regulatory relief.

2/16/2022: Removed Sacramento County Public Health Order for all individuals to wear a face covering when indoors. Updated State's public health order that face covering are required in certain settings and for unvaccinated individuals in indoor public spaces. Mega Events have been updated to 1000 attendees indoor and 10,000 attendees outdoor.

3/1/2022: Updated universal masking indoors to strongly recommend and added effective date of 3/11/2022 for masking requirement for schools/child care. Masking is still required universally for the rest of the congregate settings.

4/1/2022: Updated Mega Events to strong recommendation to require proof of vaccination or negative test for Indoor Mega Events (previously was required).